

FIRST MERCHANTS CORP  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
FLUHLER STEPHAN			FIRST MERCHANTS CORP [FRME]	(Check all applicable)
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			02/19/2016	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
200 E JACKSON STREET				Chief Information Officer / Senior Vice President
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
MUNCIE, IN 47305				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/19/2016		F		419	D	
					\$ 22.16		
Common Stock					8,649.288 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
					3,156.603	I	401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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